Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1.   (Currently Amended)   ~~A device with a unit (10) which is provided so as to activate an especially continuously~~ Apparatus for controlling activation of an adjustable drive unit [[(11)]] of a motor vehicle [[(12)]] dependent upon at least one control signal; wherein: ~~(α, α$_{virt}$) and at least in one phase (T) to produce~~

at least during a constant driving mode a virtual control signal ~~(α$_{virt}$) and instead to use~~ is generated in addition to a real control signal, [[(α)]] for activating the drive unit; [[(11)]]

~~characterized by the fact that,~~

~~the unit (10) is equipped so as to activate~~ during the constant driving mode the drive unit ~~(11) at least in a constant driving mode, in which the unit (10) maintains a constant driving force of the motor vehicle through an appropriate selection of the control signals (α$_{virt}$),~~ is activated dependent upon the virtual control signal [[(α$_{virt}$)]] instead of the real control signal; and

during the constant driving mode, the apparatus maintains a constant driving force of the motor vehicle through an appropriate selection of the control signals .

Claim 2.   (Currently Amended)   ~~A device~~ The apparatus according to claim 1, ~~characterized by the fact that the unit (10)~~ wherein a unit for determining a constant virtual control signal [[(α_{virt})]] is provided.

Claim 3.   (Currently Amended)   ~~A device~~ The apparatus according to claim ~~1, characterized by the fact that the unit (10) for determining~~ 2, wherein determination of the virtual control signal ~~(α_{virt}) dependent~~ depends upon a real control signal [[(α)]] at a switch on point (t_2) of the constant driving mode ~~is provided~~.

Claim 4.   (Currently Amended)   ~~A device~~ The apparatus according to claim ~~31, characterized by the fact that~~ 3, wherein the virtual control signal [[(α_{virt})]] at the switch on point [[(t_2)]] is equal to the real control signal. [[(α).]]

Claim 5.   (Currently Amended)   ~~A device~~ The apparatus according to ~~any of the foregoing claims, characterized by the fact that~~ claim 4, wherein the unit ~~(10) for switching on and switching off~~ switches the constant driving mode on and off, dependent upon a time course of a real control signal [[(α)]] ~~is provided~~.

Claim 6.   (Currently Amended) ~~A device~~ <u>The apparatus</u> according to claim 5<u>, wherein</u> ~~characterized by the fact that~~ the unit [[(10)]] is ~~provided as to switch off~~ <u>switches</u> the constant driving mode <u>off</u> when the real control signal ~~(α)~~ ~~exits an~~ <u>exceeds a set</u> interval<u>.</u> [[(I_α).]]

Claim 7.   (Currently Amended) ~~A device~~ <u>The apparatus</u> according to ~~any of the foregoing claims, characterized by the fact that~~ <u>claim 1, wherein</u> the unit ~~(10) is provided to switch off~~ <u>switches</u> the constant driving mode <u>off</u> when the <u>speed</u> change <u>rate</u> ~~speed (α')~~ of the real control signal <u>exceeds a set</u> ~~(α) leaves an~~ interval<u>.</u> [[(I_α).]]

Claim 8.   (Cancelled)

Claim 9.   (New)   The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said drive unit is continuously adjustable.